

Friday, April 3, 1942

Funeral Here Saturday for Alfred Romey Berne's Oldest Person Dies Here at Age of 95

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the home on West Wabash Street for Alfred Romey, 95, Berne's oldest person who died at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. C. P. Maas of the Trinity Evangelical Church and Rev. C. J. Gerig of the West Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery near Linn Grove.

Pallbearers at the rites will be Henry Schindler, Homer Neaderhouser, E. M. Webb, E. M. Ray, C. T. Michaud, Levi Stucky, Harve Ellenberger and O. N. Smith.

Mr. Romey was a faithful member of the local Evangelical church and attended regularly as his health permitted.

Victim of Fall

Mr. Romey had been in failing health for the last two or three years and had weakened considerably the past winter. Tuesday, March 24, he fell from the davenport, fracturing his left hip. He suffered intense pain and his condition soon became critical. He hovered between life and death for several days before he passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yoder, who have lived with Mr. Romey for the past several years and took excellent care of him, were at his bedside when he died.

Colorful Figure

Mr. Romey was a prominent retired farmer and had been a colorful figure on the streets of Berne for many years. His wit and humor made him a favorite with every one here.

The deceased was born in Sorvelier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, September 23, 1846, bringing his age to 95 years, 6 months and 8 days. He was the son of Theophil and Cecile Romey. He came to this country with his father and step-mother, two sisters and a brother during his eighth year, or early in 1854. The family settled in Wayne County, Ohio, where he lived until he was in his late twenties when he came to this community. Mr. Romey was married on November 15, 1873 to Mrs. Sarah Sutter Lehman, widow of Christian Lehman. The couple then settled in Hartford Township where Mr. Romey was engaged in farming near the Jimtown River Bridge. His farm was known as one of the best farms in the community. In 1905 the couple moved to Berne. Mr. Romey lived a semi-retired life after moving here, but did many odd jobs such as helping farmers

thrash and other work. He was in robust health and quite strong until he was in his early eighties. He was injured in a fall a few years ago, but apparently recovered almost completely.

Saturday, April 11, 1942

Will Marry Son

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Schindler of Berne announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Betty Marie Schindler to Lewis Habegger, son of Mrs. W. O. Neuenschwander of Berne.

The wedding will be an event of Sunday, May 10, and will be solemnized here. Both are graduates of Berne High School, Manchester College and both are teaching in the Wabash Schools.

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